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STATED MEETING NIGHT

Thursday, August 1st, 2024

Supper at 6:30pm

Chairman: Dale Flatt, PM

King Ranch Chicken - Salad - Dessert

Lodge Members: \$10 Donation - Family, Friends & Guests: Free

Meeting at 7:30pm

Master Mason's Lodge

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Michael L. Poe 01; Marvin H. Kelly, Henry Trevino 02; Robert A. Carnes 03; Raymond M. Williams 05; David M. Harnden 07; Gordon V. Powell, Jr. 08; Julius M. Abella 10; David C. Allen 12; William S. Haire 13; Albert A. Mehlhaff 17; George G. Watkins 18; Larry L. Haney, Terry L. Sharp, Jerry W. Wranischar 20; Dennie J. Jackson 21; Bobby O. Brown, Bobby D. Clakley 22; Charles E. Gray, Jr. 24; William B. Farr 25; Stephen C. Dowell, Raul J. Scully 27; Samuel E. Taylor, Sr. 29; Luis M. Diaz 30; David H. Lewis 31.

Happy Birthday, Brothers! May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS (RAISED THIS MONTH)

Robert C. Williams 66; Joseph E. Simpson 67; Rodney W. Angell, Willis C. Woods 70; Jerry T. Jarmon 79; Walter H. Argall 81; Eddie E. Daffern, Ronnie H. Lee 82; David H. Lewis 86; Kenneth R. Smith 87; Bradley J. Hardin 92; Reagan L. Dunklin, Henry Trevino, Johnny S. Turner 99; Albert J. Stowell 01; Daniel E. Barber 02; Raul J. Scully 08; David "Tide" Williams 13; Byron G. Webster 14; Julius M. Abella 17; Richard A. Guthridge 21.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light!

Living Past Masters:

1969- Tommie J. Conner
 1977- Roy L. Hamor
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
 1981- Howard D. Hall
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee
 1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
 1994- Walter H. Argall
 1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
 1997- William S. Lear
 1998- John W. Turner
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2005- Hamilton B. Carter
 2006- Russell M. Tidwell II

Living Past Masters:

2007- Michael E. Sanders
 2008- Daniel E. Barber
 2009- Dale L. Flatt
 2010- Tony M. Ramirez
 2011- Dennis J. Ross
 2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
 2013- Raul J. Scully
 2014- Ben B. Rauschke
 2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
 2016- Jeff J. Carroll
 2017- William L. Lewis
 2018- Christopher R. Dawson
 2019- David "Tide" Williams
 2020, 2021- Troy J. Shugart
 2022- Ernest Owney
 2023- Richard Alonso

Living Affiliated Past Masters:

J. Roland Brown
 Gerald T. Dawson
 Allen W. Deaver
 Robert Eschenburg
 Larry Faulk
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Jorge A. Millan
 Byron Webster
 James C. Wells

From the East

During the month of July, many of us were busy with installations and many activities throughout Texas. For all the new officers that were installed within District 50, congratulations! I know you will do a great job and represent your Lodge in a manner that will make your predecessors proud. For all the new Past Masters, thank you for your service to the Craft, your Lodge and to the district. I would also like to take a moment and congratulate a few members of our Lodge that have been doing work to not just better themselves but represent our Lodge in a great way. To W.: Raul J. Scully GSD, PM, thank you and congratulations on your successful year as Worshipful Master of Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 and to David "Tide" Williams, PM, congratulations on your recent installation as Junior Warden of Tranquility Lodge No. 2000. Finally, I would like to recognize Jeff Carroll, PM as he was recently installed as the Most Excellent High Priest of Lone Star Chapter No. 6 in Austin, TX. You have done so much for the craft in and outside of our Lodge and your work well represents our Lodge and members.

Speaking of members, we are proud to say that we have (2) new Fellowcraft Masons within our ranks. Congratulations to those young brothers and I know you're hungry for more but enjoy the ride while it lasts. Master Mason is right around the corner. To the brethren that helped put those degrees on, thank you for your hard work. Your practice and dedication for those degree teams showed and I hope to see those great teams put more work in as we assist those brethren to become Masters.

If anyone would like to be a part of those degree teams or just observe and learn, please come by the lodge on Mondays and Thursdays. We would love to have you come in and work with us. No degrees have been scheduled but keep your eyes and ears open for an update.

A few upcoming events:

Mon, August 19, 7:30pm – 9:30pm, Come hang out on the back porch and enjoy time well spent over a nice cigar or your favorite pipe. Light supper at 6:30pm followed by fellowship on the back porch.

Tue, August 27, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, T. Neil Porter #1354 will be hosting the District 50 MWSA (MWSA meets quarterly, on the 4th instance of the hosting Lodge's stated meeting day). A meal will be served at 6:30pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:30pm.

Worshipful Master Abram Wallace

From the South

Happy August Brethren! I hope everyone has enjoyed the unexpected wetter and cooler weather during July. Likewise, I hope you and your families remained safe and with power during and after the storms. Many Brethren and families suffered outages and other difficulties in neighboring cities, such as Houston, and our thoughts go out to them. Remember to keep them in your prayers if you aren't able to offer aid.

We are endeavoring upon another great year in Texas Masonry and I'm excited to see what trouble we can get into! Once again, the Lodge has entrusted me with holding office and I'm proud to give my time in service of my Brethren and families. I'm excited to continue some of our fine traditions, but I am also hopeful we can start some new ones. I feel that we are at an inflection point and have an opportunity to re-define what Masonry is to us and share that with the next generation of Masons and their families. Speaking of traditions, I do want to thank WM Abram Wallace for his generosity: he has appointed me to chair and serve on a few committees this year.

Two of those committees are Breakfast Social and Social Activities, and I'd like to share some news about them. JD Ernest Owney, PM, chair of the Breakfast Social Committee, and I have decided to reduce the number of Breakfast Socials this year from four to two. Putting on these socials is a lot of work, and we want to be able to not only host a great social event, but ensure that the Brethren involved in planning and execution have plenty of time to seek out donations & assistance, as well as plan.

There might be some changes to the Breakfast Menu - we are discussing ideas of continuing to put out delicious food, but incorporate more freshness and, yes, continue partnering with the Motley Brue Unit from Ben Hur Shrine. If you have some ideas that you think our families would enjoy, please let us know!

Secondly, I don't want to reduce our fellowship opportunities this year. So, I informed SW Bobby Clakley, chair of the Social Activities Committee, that I will be adding a Brunch to the calendar in addition to the Lady Luck Bingo Brunch in February. These are the tentative dates for each event:

Breakfast Social – September 14 and May 17

Bingo Brunch – November 16 and February 15

Something that I think is pretty neat is that I am writing this during the month of the 55th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. On July 20, 1969, two American Astronauts landed on the Moon of the planet Earth, in an area known as Mare Tranquillitatis, or "Sea of Tranquility". One of those men was Brother Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., a member of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, A.F. & A.M., Seabrook, Texas.

Brother Aldrin carried with him Special Deputation of then Grand Master J. Guy Smith, constituting and appointing Brother Aldrin as Special Deputy of the Grand Master, granting unto him full power in the premises to represent the Grand Master as such and authorize him to claim Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, on The Moon, and directed that he make due return of his acts. Brother Aldrin certified that the Special Deputation was carried by him to the Moon on July 20, 1969. To commemorate this historic event, and to further solidify and establish Texas Freemasonry on the Moon, it is proposed that a charter be issued to a new Lodge, to be known as Tranquility Lodge No. 2000.

As we head through our last, well, second-to-last month of hot weather, let's be sure to get as much pool time as we can and enjoy the dog days in outdoor fellowship. Soon the kids will be heading back to school and their parents will start driving them to all their curricular and extracurricular functions. Let's cram in those cookouts and cornhole tournaments before we get back to the normal part of the year again. I'll see you at Lodge!

Junior Warden Christopher Dawson, PM

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of June, 2 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 93 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. The outstanding volunteers who made this possible are (in alphabetical order): Carl Robinson with 65 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 29 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers as they seek comfort and healing. They are or have been ill, recovering from medical procedures or have limited mobility: Scott Brown (Roland's son), Carol Camarillo (John's step mom), John Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (John's father), Billy & Evelyn Capps, Forest Cruse, Patricia Eschenburg (Robert's sister), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Betty Hammett, Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Don & Johnnie Long, Randy Martin, Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Will Mingua, Ernest Owney, Jr., Ellen Pietrzak's family (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Orlando Perez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Dennis Stewart, Sara Turner, and John Waggoner's family.

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Abram Wallace or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM



**2024-2025
LODGE OFFICERS**



Worshipful Master: Abram Wallace
Senior Warden: Bobby D. Clakley
Junior Warden: Christopher R. Dawson, PM
Treasurer: Curtis A. Gilgan, PM
Secretary: Raul J. Scully, PM
Chaplain: William L. Lewis, PM
Senior Deacon: David "Tide" Williams, PM
Junior Deacon: Ernest Owney, PM
Senior Steward: Robert N. Crawford
Junior Steward: Luis M. Diaz
Marshall: Dennis J. Ross, PM
Master of Ceremonies: Jeff J. Carroll, PM
Tiler: Richard Alonso, PM



**2024-2025
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Activities: Bobby Clakley
Arbitration: Abram Wallace
Audit: Christopher Dawson, PM
Beacon Editor: David Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Ernest Owney, PM
Building: David "Tide" Williams, PM
By-Laws, Policies: Bobby Clakley
Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
Communications: Christopher Dawson, PM
Community Builder: Dennis Ross, PM
Fantastic Teeth: Dennis Ross, PM
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Fraternal Assistance: Abram Wallace

Funeral: Abram Wallace
Golden Trowel: Richard Alonso, PM
Grand Lodge Business: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Lodge Education: David "Tide" Williams, PM
Lodge Safety: Bobby Clakley
Members In Arrears: Bobby Clakley
Past Master's Night: Abram Wallace
Pleasant Hill Elementary Assistance: Ernest Owney, PM
Raffle: Bobby Clakley
Scholarships: Dennis Ross, PM
Sick And Distressed: Abram Wallace
Vanguard: Christopher Dawson, PM